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**Applicant:** Tsutomu Okada

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

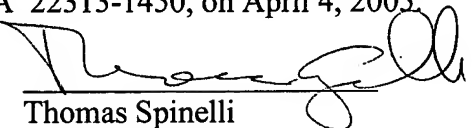
In response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

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